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May God speed this message of Universal Peace to the minds of all men in all nations, to whom this book is fraternally dedicated by the author—

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## PREFACE

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**Every man and woman in all nations should know the contents of this book .**

It is not the size of a book which makes it valuable; it is the contents. We have a great common life and property-destroying system of finance and government abroad in the world! How can we become united to stop this terrible monster of death and destruction? Herein is supplied the plan to conquer the demon of war. To cure disease, medical science seeks the cause and invents remedies and means to kill the germs of first cause. More men are killed in wars than by all other pestilences; more than **fifteen million** men have been murdered in war since the year 1700 A. D.! Barbarians, the Rulers. When the cause of such a terrible destroyer of humanity has been found, then the next thing to do is to **remove the cause**, the very germ.

What is the cause of War? Answer. **The rule by capitalists, kings and emperors.** How to evolutionize this rule from these three classes of murderers and robbers, into the **absolute control by the people**, is well explained in this book. The end of the oppression of capitalists, kings and emperors is in sight. It shows how the people will engage in business in every community and will make the enormous millions and billions of dollars which has heretofore been made by these robbers. It shows how thousands and millions of people will be financed and started into business, manufacturing, farming, etc., through

the organization of a gigantic financial and commercial system.

It shows that **American railroad stocks** may be worth \$150 today and 30c tomorrow, and are therefore unsafe investments or for bank collateral. It also shows how many bank stocks may not be worth more than par, unless affiliated with this system. It shows that the **Great Common People** will rule government and finance by establishing a **New Political Party**, which has for its slogan **Kings and Emperors and Wars no more**. It will stand for all the popular reform movements.

It will stand for a new department of government. **The Department of Peace**, to replace, at no distant date, the **Tax and Death Department**, viz: the **War Department**.

It stands for letting business pay all taxes and gives the poor and oppressed a just rest from this burden. It stands for the general uplift of all humanity in all nations. It stands for prohibition and woman suffrage. When women vote wars will stop. When the people rule, oppression will cease. It stands for commission government in both state and nation, which is the only just and safe form.

**This is a big money-making system which appeals to the selfish interest of men in many ways, so strongly that it is going to be the most popular movement ever espoused by any political party.**

This new party will get the greatest following of any party that has ever been started in any nation.

It means the **Emancipation of Man**.

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## THE GREAT EVOLUTION AND END OF WAR

Man has ever been passing through stages or epochs of evolution and it would be contrary to this law to say that he is not now passing from the old and inadequate methods into a newer one, invented through the necessity of the advancing stages of progress, which is more adapted to the present age.

Evolution means to progress, growth, advancement into a more perfect state or condition.

Evolution applies to nearly all things; from the fact that most all things evolve from the primitive to the modern.

The automobile, the locomotive and the airship have evolutionized travel. Telegraphy, the telephone and Marconi wireless discoveries in science have evolutionized our means of communication.

The whole list might here be enumerated, including all of the modern inventions in mechanics, surgery, medicine, sciences, arts, modes, methods and systems as pertain to the operation of finance, commerce, government, etc.

The Great Evolution and End of War herein explained, pertains to a new system of finance, commerce and government with which war, the greatest terror to humanity, can and will be forever banished from the earth

through the control of finance by the Peace Leagues of the world.

This system of evolution has been devised and its realization and practical operation in the affairs of man is inevitable. The present financial and commercial institutions could work mutually with the Peace Leagues in creating and perpetuating this impregnable system of finance and commerce, and by so doing a very rapid realization of this greatest of all movements could be accomplished; but if the present financial system seeks to oppose this new plan of Evolution, it will mean the ultimate liquidation of the affairs of the present financial and commercial institutions and the announcement of this plan and its acceptance by the Peace Leagues of the world would, at once, cause a panic in values of bank stocks and many stocks of large commercial institutions.

The United States annual outlay for the upkeep of the Army, Navy and Pensions, reaches the enormous sum of about \$440,000,000! The staggering expenditure of all nations passes the appalling sum of over \$4,000,000,000! Four thousand millions for wrong thinking!

## **THE WORLD IS GROANING**

The world is groaning, almost to revolution, under the ever-increasing, unbearable, gigantic burden of taxation, which is being imposed, mostly on the poor and middle classes, for the insane upkeep of savage, barbarous, monster armaments; for the upkeep

of millions of soldiers and sailors and unjust enriching of hundreds of thousands of needless middlemen in our modern system of commerce and finance, viz., the wholesaler and the bond banker and stock gambler.

Wall street and other similar dens of money manipulators in Europe, have for ages made millions! Yes, billions of dollars through the promotion and financing of War, thereby causing the death of millions of good men who held naught against each other, but who, through the devilish process of war, were forced to shoot each other down. About 15,000,000 killed since 1700 A. D.!

This in the present time of our boasted civilization! Yet we pray, "Thy will be done, Oh, Lord." Awake to your duty, all humanity! Awake all Christendom! Awake all fraternity! **DO YOUR DUTY.** Why be outgeneraled by these money demons and wicked ambitious kings, emperors and political tyrants? If we depend on philanthropy and the slow consciences of nations we may yet be responsible for the murder of millions more on the savage battlefield.

Selfish interest is the greatest mover of things in the world.

My plan is for the people to engage in strong competition against these promoters of war. The people will make as many millions, yes as many billions, out of the promotion of universal peace as these vampires and demons have made out of war; a gigantic system of finance and commerce with a soul, with the comfort, uplift and betterment of mankind



as its only goal and with this SLOGAN —  
KINGS AND EMPERORS AND WARS NO  
MORE.

This puts the process on an enduring basis. By this plan part of the profits of commerce goes into this impregnable financial system, which will grow to unbounded strength by creating an unlimited surplus fund in the bank of nations, which is done automatically, as will be seen further on in this work.

There are other basis or medium of commerce than money; this is credit based on land. After years of study on the problem, a most practical system has been devised and herein set forth, by which the whole people as stockholders in three very strong financial and commercial corporations and a store and banking system, in all communities, will engage in powerful competition against Wall Street's hell-owned promoters of war.

When the nations disarm, the taxes from luxuries and incomes should pay the burden of taxation, thereby relieving the oppressed poor, laboring man, who is only able to buy the scant necessities of life and no luxuries at all.

## **EVOLUTION IN FINANCE AND GOV- ERNMENT IS INEVITABLE**

### **The Plan**

THIS SYSTEM consists of the following three great Corporations and Store System:

1st. The International Commercial Company.

Authorized Capital from \$25,000,000 to



\$100,000,000, with subsidiary companies in each state, with a capital of from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

The main company would act in the capacity of a governing or clearing house for the state organizations, all of which should have corporate powers to do any and all kinds of business as an individual can do, except banking.

### **The Officers**

The officers of all these institutions should be employed regardless of politics, sect or nationality.

All under the control of Peace Leagues to be organized in all communities.

Branches of the International Commercial Company and Bank.

There should be organized in each state a branch of the above with a name for the state in it. The capital should be in proportion to the per capita wealth of the state, say \$1,000,000 for such states as Arizona, Arkansas and Rhode Island; \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for such states as New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

### **Purposes and Functions**

The functions to be performed by these institutions will be:

1st. The guaranteeing of bonds and credits.

2nd. A general brokerage business in stocks and bonds and all kinds of mill, factory, mine and farm products.

3rd. A general realty and development business.

## **Kind of Bonds Bought**

Bonds that are secured by real estate at 50c to the \$1.00 in value and for the purpose of starting stores, factories, mines and farms, by people who will buy peace stamps, will be bought and put on the general bond markets, underwritten by these strong companies.

## **Credit Guarantee Department**

In this department the accounts of consumers who desire credit from these affiliated stores and factories will be guaranteed by this company where satisfactory collateral is given, a charge commensurate with the service will be made. This service will place the retail business on as safe a basis as the banking business—this is the “missing link” in business today.

This company would be a **SOURCE** of **CREDIT** for all who need and seek credit. Through this department a great assistance will be afforded people who live in a foreign state or nation and who desire to use their property as collateral for engaging in business in a different state or country from where their property is located.

This is a greatly needed service by people in all states and nations desiring to move or who have moved, as it prevents, in many cases, a great sacrifice.

## **Brokerage Department**

In this department Bonds and Stocks which are issued by the stores, factories, and other industries which are affiliated with this

system, will be underwritten, bought and sold by these companies.

General merchandise, mill, factory, farm products of every nature, will be sold at all wholesale centers where this system will establish and operate offices and warerooms.

A General Real Estate brokerage business, in all branches, will be conducted.

### **Income**

The income from the thousands of stores, mills, factories and farms, which will be bonded and which will buy peace stamps at the price of two and one-half to five cents on every dollar's worth of business they transact, will bring into this company an enormous income.

### **Disbursements of this Income**

One-half of this income will go to the stockholders as dividends. One-fourth will be invested in bonds as a surplus fund to the Bank of Nations. The other one-fourth will be used as a general relief fund, education and life insurance for the poor, old age pensions; free dispensaries, etc.

### **The Bank of Nations**

Should have authorized capital from \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000. Shares \$100 each, to sell among the great masses to prevent its control by the capitalists.

### **Powers and Purposes**

This bank should act as a clearing house and central or re-discount institution for 51



other banks, one to be organized in each state, Alaska 1, P. I. 1, Hawaii 1, Panama 1, P. R. 1.

### **The State Banks**

Should have authorized capital stock of from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Shares \$100 each. Sell the stock to the masses on easy terms.

### **Powers and Purposes**

These state banks in turn would act as re-discount and clearing house institutions for many other smaller banks in these states.

Loans would be made only to people, firms and corporations, who would become associated with this peace plan and buy peace stamps for all their products and sales passing through their hands. No loans would be made to Warring Nations, or to any nation which is ruled by a king or emperor or that maintains an army or navy.

### **Disbursements of Profits**

One-half of the profits would be paid to the stockholders as dividends. One-fourth would pass to an unlimited surplus fund. One-fourth would go into the general relief fund as set out for the International Commercial Co.

### **Plans Continued**

#### **The Universal Insurance Company**

Should be capitalized at from \$100,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. Should conduct life, fire and marine insurance at lowest rates.



All states should establish a model insurance department similar to the Wisconsin system. These state organizations should be branches of the main company. This will further aid the peace party through these Peace Leagues to completely control finances.

This insurance company would be managed on similar plans as the other corporations of this system as to management, loans and disbursements of profits.

### **How to Raise Capital for These Gigantic Corporations**

1st. By a gift of one dollar from each member.

2nd. By direct subscription.

3rd. By philanthropy.

4th. By the sale of peace stamps.

By the sale of peace stamps, which can be done on a similar plan to the one now in use by trading stamp companies, each store to place Peace Stamps on all cash sales made. This might be done in two methods. This method would be operated on similar plans and percentages as are followed in raising a war tax.

The peace Leagues of each community would place a Peace Stamp receptacle similar to a mail box in each store, office or place of business where stamps are to be used where purchases are made. Stamps would be given to the customer who would deposit same in this Peace Stamp receptacle, or, second,

stamps might be placed on all merchandise as it originates from manufacturers or wholesaler, thus eliminating the slower process above outlined.

Where stores are started in business through the financing by the Bank of Nations and the International Commercial Co., they would be required to buy all goods from manufacturers and wholesalers with stamps attached. This would compel manufacturers and wholesalers to buy these stamps which would again simplify this process of raising capital.

The peace league would organize and start stores in all communities where the merchants refuse to buy Peace Stamps.

All banks should take stock in the Bank of Nations to the extent of 10 per cent of their capital stock. All stores, mills and factories which are affiliated with this system should take stock to the amount of 10 per cent of their capital in these three corporations.

Convert stocks of merchandise into stocks and bonds as follows:

Through the Brokerage Department sell stocks of merchandise, land, houses, lots, and all kinds of things, the same to be taken in stocks and bonds in equal proportions of the following corporations:

International Commercial Corporation.

The Bank of Nations.

International Insurance Company.

The State Commercial Companies.

The State Banks.

## **PLANS FOR STARTING THIS SYSTEM**

### **Organize a New Political Party**

which might be named

### **The Evolutionist Peace Party**

### **American Evolutionists**

or another appropriate name, with the Slogan:  
Kings and Emperors and Wars No More.

## **HOW TO ORGANIZE THIS NEW PARTY**

This would be done in the same way which is always pursued in such matters. First create a national organization; then a state organization; next county and local leagues in all communities.

These local leagues will be organized through the strong co-operation of all people who desire no more wars, which will include all Fraternal Orders, the Prohibition Party, Anti-Saloon Leagues, American Federation of Labor, all Labor Unions, all Women's Clubs and Leagues, all Churches, Schools, the Reform leaders from all parties and all people who want the people to rule absolutely instead of the capitalists, Kings and Emperors.

If this American Peace League should begin the organization of local Leagues on a very aggressive scale, with the same vim and push which is pursued in times of war for recruiting and for raising war funds, within an astounding short period of not more than 90 days, every village, town and city should be well organized, and raising funds and perfecting this machinery for the World Peace.

The same aggressive business methods



should be followed in organizing this system in all nations and within one year's time the inevitable submission of these war dogs or demons, these selfish, vain, world-glory seekers, the Kings and Emperors, who hold in their hands the lives of millions of men, to the irresistible power of this world conquering system of finance, will be accomplished.

Members of the local or state leagues should be paid a fair commission on all sales of stamps and donations they may obtain for the leagues, excepting to commercial institutions which are affiliated with the league; this will get business.

Local Leagues should receive a reasonable part of all revenues received from the sale of stamps to commercial firms. Charter members should receive \$1.00 for each new member they may secure for the league; this will secure members in a hurry.

All Peace Leagues, Banks and Post Offices should sell Peace Stamps.

All stores and property taken into this system should pay five per cent commission to the local leagues and the originator of this system of Evolution, and the latter should also receive the usual percentage of promotion stock in all these companies.

### **Admission Fees for Membership**

\$5 to \$10 initiation fee will be charged, payable on easy terms, then \$1.00 per month. \$1.00 to go to the charter members for securing the new member; \$1.00 to go to the State Leagues; \$1.00 to the National League; \$1.00



to go to a perpetual capital stock of the Bank of Nations; \$1.00 to pay for a copy of the Great Evolution and End of War.

### **High Class Fraternal and Social Orders**

These local leagues should be made the very highest character Fraternal orders and social leagues, embracing everything that will advance and benefit its members and uplift, relieve, educate and entertain. Each league should have one vote only in state and national elections, all members and stockholders should have only one vote regardless of the number of shares owned. This will be rule by man instead of money.

### **This New Party Should Stand for the Following Form of Government**

The Federal form of government should be a commission form, which should include three commissioners for the United States to be elected from three separate groups of states, viz: the Eastern and Southern group to include all states lying east of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and should include Indiana and Michigan.

The Central group should include Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Illinois, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The Western group should include all states west of the central group.

Voters in all states should vote for any three candidates, one in each group at the

same election. Each candidate must therefore prove his worth and popularity in the nation at large. The American Peace League can soon control the standardized money of the world if they will appressively begin operations in the United States and all other countries where war is not in progress. Each state should have three commissioners, instead of one governor.

### **This Party Should Stand for the Following Reforms**

The initiative, referendum and recall, prohibition, woman suffrage, disfranchisement of illiteracy, all the popular reform movements, a **FEDERAL PEACE DEPARTMENT**, government ownership of communication and transportation.

Good roads, safety at sea, free dispensaries, health departments, in state and nation, insurance by the states and nations, civic centers for farmers, turn slum districts into parks, department of relief and amusement of the old and poor. Free employment bureaus everywhere.

Dress reform commission. Large syndicated manufacturers of apparel force as great a burden upon the people as our tax for maintenance of the army and navy, by forcing new and vulgar styles in dress, upon the market every three months, thereby forcing the smaller manufacturers and merchants out of this line of business, which is another cause of discontent.

## GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF RAILROADS IMPERATIVE

Railroad stocks are unsafe investments now.

### Bryan Was Right

The passing of time and the occurrence of some events, has proven that Mr. Bryan was not guessing at big things when he announced on his return from an investigating tour of European methods that the government should own the railroads.

The stockholders of the New Haven Railroad, the St. Louis & San Francisco and some others, have had sufficient experience now to convince them, that if their securities had been under government supervision that they would not have been looted of more than sixty millions of dollars by financiers, as was the case with the New Haven.

These incidents have so shaken the confidence of investors in the private ownership of railroads that American railroads have about reached their length under the present control; until the government takes over the large systems, people will not take hold of railroad securities any more, only at greatly reduced prices. They are afraid of similar raids being made which will wipe out the value of their holdings. This proves that the present system of finance and commerce is radically wrong.

When a few of the large systems of roads make application for government control through this system, then is when American railroad construction will take on new life and



will find plenty of capital with which to construct more road and extent in all branches. The people are calling for this evolution from the old dangerous system to the new safe system.

Bank stocks will not be worth more than the amount of government security behind them, when this new system begins operation, unless they become affiliated with it. This system will take the inflated values out of all stocks which are now being advertised onto the public at big prices.

All stocks of banks and railroads will reach the top of value when the banks and roads join this system to the extent of ten per cent or more of their value and help start this new system of finance and commerce.

When a system of finance is such that it will permit stock manipulators and financiers to wreck a big railroad system in a few days' time, the time is ripe for a radical change.

When a financial system is so imperfect that it fosters and creates three or more profit takers which are needless adjuncts to the conduct of commerce, then the system is radically wrong and unjust and unsafe.

I refer here to the wholesale merchant, the bond banker, the stock shark. If the banks would take the proper care of the requirements of merchants and producers, the wholesaler would not be required, but the merchant can't get sufficient loans, therefore the wholesaler finds him a willing buyer of goods at twenty to forty per cent profit, which the merchant should have been able to buy from a



brokerage firm or direct from the manufacturer, if the banker had taken care of him.

This system furnishes a heretofore missing link in business by the guaranteeing of consumers' accounts upon good security being given. This makes the retail business safe and takes away the great loss and worry heretofore experienced.

The wholesalers and manufacturers are so strong that the banker is forced to loan money to them with which to buy goods to sell to the fellow who should have borrowed this money from this banker, thereby saving this wholesaler's profit, this is the merchant; but who has to pay in the end? It is the people.

Is the wholesaler a necessity? We will give the bond banker a little consideration.

For illustration: Smith and Jones desire to sell \$100,000 worth of perfectly good bonds with \$150,000 of security back of them. They want to start an industrial plant. They go to the bankers but these bankers have just returned from a bankers' association, where it was agreed that the large bond bankers should have a clear track for all such investments, therefore Jones and Smith are compelled to hunt for a market for their bonds through the medium of the bond broker and stock shark, who finds a buyer, this bond banker, for these bonds at 75c to 80c on the dollar, with a bonus of twenty-five per cent of the stock to accompany the bonds. Their dollars only have 80c in them, while their competitors have dollars with 100 cents in them. All of this hold-up robbery is being put off on the people because

the present system of banks, through their failure to take just care of legitimate business, forces upon the people, the wholesaler, these bond banks and stock sharks.

The stock shark ought to be employed by the government to dump all his surplus water onto the western deserts and if he could be held onto those arid plains long enough, we might expect to see blades of grass in the place of hot grains of sand.

He takes a railroad that costs ten million of dollars, stocks it at forty million, then begins a shrewd and polished advertising campaign and the dear suckers and lambs begin buying this stock. Then when it is all sold, this same gang of sharks and bond bankers take it through the squeezing process or the New Haven process and get it all back again, and then as they have nothing else with which to amuse their talents, they put over the same process on the dear good people again and we say the Mexicans are illiterate and ignorant!

The time has come for real evolution in finance and commerce. It will come through this new evolution party.

The following is copied from the editorial columns of the the Los Angeles Evening Herald, August 27, 1914:

### **War or No War, the New Haven Brigands Should Pay Back Stolen Money**

In wartime some things are forgotten, and some criminals may escape punishment. But the robbery of the New Haven Railroad should not be forgotten or the criminals responsible

allowed to escape. Energetically, by private individuals and by government agents, all of those responsible for robbing thousands of innocent stockholders, stealing tens of millions of money, should be prosecuted.

There is no particularly good reason why a country which puts a man in jail for stealing a pair of boots or a loaf of bread should forgive a man who, rich already, steals tens of millions to add to his property.

This country will be **DISGRACED IF IT PROVES UNABLE TO PUNISH** with imprisonment those responsible for the New Haven robbery, and in addition to take from the robbers whatever they may have by way of atonement and restitution to those who were robbed.

From the Evening Herald, August 25, 1914:

“The only real and permanent solution of the railroad problem, as every other problem of **NATURAL PUBLIC MONOPOLY**, is **GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP**, and that is coming more quickly than is realized by the gentlemen whose stealing and impertinent contempt for law have hastened government ownership by many years.

While waiting for government ownership, only a visionary idiot would suggest that the remedy for dishonesty is to forbid the organizing economy which alone offers hope of decent service.

Encourage combinations, **REGULATE THEM NOW**, make them national property as soon as possible.



To railroad gentlemen and to others owning public monopolies, we submit this fact:

You can continue robbing and fighting the public and disregarding law for some time to come.

**BUT EVERY DAY YOU DO THIS YOU DIMINISH YOUR CHANCE OF GETTING A FAIR PRICE FOR YOUR PROPERTY.**

Five or ten years ago government ownership would probably have meant fair compensation for existing property.

Today the compensation would be proportionately very far below what it would have been five years ago.

And five years from now, with a few more New Havens, Rock Islands, and other proofs of the fact that monopolies are owned chiefly by conscienceless thieves—you will see government ownership on a basis of absolute raw competition, just as you have seen the government parcel post competing with express companies.

And no railroad man doubts for a minute what the competition of the government in the railroad business would mean to private railroad property.

Not a railroad share in the United States would be worth forty cents.

The railroads would be worth about as much as the privately owned submarine cable under the English Channel was worth when the French and English governments decided to unite their publicly owned telegraph systems by a publicly owned submarine cable under the channel.

The day that decision was reached, the privately owned cable in the channel was worth exactly the price of rusty wire.

If the government of the United States, irritated by too many proofs of railroad and other financial dishonesty, decide to go into the railroad business for themselves, condemning their own rights of way, competing with existing roads, the railroads of today will be worth exactly the value of so many streaks of rusty railroad track, and the question will be: "What will the wrecking companies give for our terminals, bridges and tracks to pull them down and sell them for old iron?"

## **STOCK AND MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

Membership and stock certificates should be printed on high quality material, the same should have suitable emblems of peace upon them; a dove would be very appropriate.

To possess membership and stock in this Peace League and system, will be a mark of manhood and Christian brotherhood. This stock should be made exempt from execution for debt, so that it could pass on down through the generations uninterrupted.

The successful operation of this system may well be depended upon to completely eliminate saloons and the manufacture of whiskey; it will enfranchise women; it is an equilibrium of justice through and by which capital and labor will reach equity and political parties will cease to wrangle.

Under this new system these three types of Commercial Vampires will be eliminated (there are some good men in the wholesale business, nearly all of them, but the SYSTEM is wrong). Hereafter, the merchant will take his securities to the banks which are affiliated with this system and all funds necessary for the legitimate conduct of his business will be granted and he will buy through the brokerage department of this system, instead of through the wholesaler, thus enabling him to sell supplies to the people at from 20 to 50 per cent saving.

Do we need a new system? It is now up to the administration to start this peace movement.

## **POWER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.**

We now have the very sinews of financial power vested in the present democratic administration and The Federal Reserve Board, with which this great movement for the absolute control of finance and commerce and for the achievement of World Peace can be started and successfully carried through. If the Federal Reserve Board would announce that it was willing and ready to make loans in all cities, towns and villages to merchants and manufacturers who would join this Peace Movement and buy peace stamps, or that they were equally ready to finance new merchants and industrial enterprises that would buy peace stamps for the purpose outlined in this plan, hundreds of thousands of merchants,



manufacturers and others would readily accept such an offer.

This is the very best and safest thing for the bulk of loans to be made for, until the United States government gains complete control of finances and the big railroad systems. It is a very dangerous risk to loan money any more on railroad securities, while the present system permits such arrogant robbery to be committed upon stockholders as was perpetrated upon the New Haven Railroad. Railroad stocks may sell at 150 today to a gang of robbers who are seeking its control, then tomorrow it may not be worth 30 cents when such a gang have succeeded in acquiring control, then with the plans adopted in the wrecking of the New Haven fresh before such thieves, whose money is safe when invested in any railroad stocks? What conservative banker or group of bankers will now consider railroad stocks as a safe collateral for loans?

Any banker or banks or group of banks making loans on such fickle stocks as American Railroad securities, should be held personally liable and criminally responsible for accepting any such securities. "They pass in a moment away" under our great modern system of "The big dog takes the bone." This will force the railroads to come into this new system under government control.

## **BEGIN NOW TO ORGANIZE LOCAL LEAGUES.**

Everything must have a beginning. This great system can be started in a little village, or a big city NOW.

Organize a local peace league with ten charter members, who'll be first? Second? Next? Then all go to work getting 100 more members—when this is done, if your merchants refuse to join this Peace Movement, then organize a community owned store, each member taking \$100.00 or more stock in same, paying as much as he can and giving notes for the balance. This, then, will be a strong character firm which would be able to get all the goods needed from wholesale firms, and would also be able to borrow money from local banks or from The Federal Reserve Bank, if the administration and Reserve Board will decide to encourage this great Peace Movement.

These stores should be run on very safe and strict business plans, as safe as the banking business, requiring all store managers and sales people to execute bonds and requiring all people who run accounts of credit to put in pledge good notes well secured.

All such stores would sell supplies to members of the company at very low prices, at a saving of 20 to 50%. This would encourage the organization of such stores, or would induce the present merchants to join this system readily.

There are thousands, yes millions **TOO MANY STORE BUILDINGS.** One-fourth of the present store buildings is sufficient to serve the purposes for which they were constructed, as will be demonstrated when this system is established; the people will trade at their own community stores. This will, then, mean that three-fourths of the present store

rooms will be useful, only, for storage barns and warerooms, and will only be worth from one-fourth to one-half of the original cost. Investments in this kind of property are, therefore, as unsafe as are investments in Railroad stocks and bank stocks.

The only way to establish stability of values in Banks, Railroads, Manufacturing, Merchandising and business buildings is through the establishing of this new system of commerce and finance. When the people of a community organize peace leagues and establish community stores, it is reasonable to suppose that they will trade at their own store, first, because prices will be much lower; second, they will be encouraging this world Peace Movement.

The only safe way for owners of store buildings and stores to pursue, is to take stock in this system to the extent of 10 per cent, or more, of the value of their buildings and stocks of merchandise, and affiliate themselves with this great new plan; otherwise their properties will depreciate to a very serious extent. Who would want to buy a store house or stock of merchandise where the whole community owns a large store, which sells merchandise at the very lowest prices?

When one village or city starts this system, others will follow, then the larger towns and cities would fall in line rapidly. Each charter member should get \$1.00 for each new member secured, and the local leagues should get a percentage for organizing all stores and industrial companies. This is to be a remunerative,



money making business plan. Philanthropy and patriotism may remain in the background until selfish interest tries its hand at doing things.

You may preach Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism, Mohammedism, and all other "isms" yet another thousand years. You may place before them pictures of wrecked lives, ruined homes, poverty, desolation, despair, famine, and yet, until the control of finance and government is vested in the great masses of people, man will still be forced to face the cannon; selfish interest comes first in man—Justice later. Wars are brought onto humanity through selfish interest, and they can be stopped only through this same attribute of our nature.

This system provides for the people to govern and to make the enormous profits heretofore made by the capitalists and the assurance of Universal Peace—selfish interest is here satisfied.

There are hundreds, thousands and millions of dollars to be made by active workers in organizing local leagues, securing new members and organizing stores and industrial enterprises for this system, all of which should pay the usual percentages for such service to the organizers and local leagues. This is purely a business proposition, but not all for monetary gain, safety and civilization are two things sought.

When the women vote, all the great reform movements will be put into laws. When the labor unions, fraternal orders and all reform-

ers take a stand against the present rule of the capitalists, kings, emperors and selfish politicians and begin organizing these local leagues, this movement will soon gain such power that all political parties will be overwhelmed by this peace party.

If all people, fraternal orders, labor unions, women's clubs and all would urge upon President Wilson and the Federal Reserve Board the great economic, social and national advantages and the great importance in every way to all the world in using the Federal Reserve Banking system to establish this world Peace Movement, it will then be up to the President for him to recommend to congress.

## **A COMMON ENEMY TO ALL MANKIND.**

If a lion should escape from the Zoo and come roaring through the streets, endangering the lives of your children, would it occur to you once in sounding the alarm of danger and calling for help that it was necessary or safe to limit your petition for help just to the Americans, Germans, French, Englishmen, Russians, Japanese, Chinese, or any particular nationality of men in the vicinity? Would you call only for all the men of your political or religious affiliations? You have a common enemy to all mankind, and in your extreme desperation, you call for help FROM YOUR BROTHER MEN, and all very readily would come to your assistance; then, why not all mankind, in all nations respond to this call, which is going up from every nation and from every home (except these mad and loosened

lions) the Kings, Emperors and financiers, for help! help!

We have a great common life and property destroying system abroad in the world! **HOW CAN WE** become united to stop this terrible monster of death and destruction? Herein is supplied the plan to conquer the demon of war.

Organize a local peace league in your little town or city. Then **VOTE FOR NO MAN OR PARTY** who is not firm for the creation of a **PEACE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT** and for the **CONTROL of FINANCE BY THE PEOPLE**. **YOUR VOTE IS YOUR WEAPON** with which we can conquer this terrible enemy of man.

Another common enemy abroad in the land is the "Freeze-out Man," who is the worst type of robber or thief known. **HEED MY WARNING, YOU SHALL BITE THE DUST**. The freeze-out man is not only a property thief—he is very much a worse kind of thief, he is a character thief. Through the process of slander and misrepresentation, he seeks and causes the downfall of a good man who may be his opponent for an office, or who may be a strong reform politician as was the case with Mr. Bryan, whom the capitalists dreaded, and by buying the rotten, salable kind of editors, they have slandered this great American statesman and kept him from the presidency of this nation, which he deserved.

When this new system is established and the people are in control, all of these and all such men will be unable to do business or to obtain loans. They will be compelled to "bite



the dust'' of humiliation. Their sins will find them out. The people will hiss and shun them, as they deserve. The day of arrogance, autocracy and snobbery is passing fast. Some very rich men will learn through actual experience that "God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform" to a certainty.

How can these heartless freeze-out men, who have wrecked the career and fortunes and homes of many people, hope to obtain business or financial assistance, when the people of their community come into control of finance and commerce? All such men will be pointed to with scorn, as not being worthy of recognition, and they will get the black ball. The people will fear to buy property from such men, or to have any business dealings with them from fear of incurring the disapproval of the local leagues, which will have power to act on loans and management of the affairs of men. This system will almost blot out from our court records all kinds of commercial crime.

The modern freeze-out man is a very much worse robber than is the Jesse James kind, who robbed at the point of a gun. The freeze-out man will use every device of cunning, deceit, policy, diplomacy, then slander and misrepresentation and false report, he will worry his victim for years, causing suicide, divorce, wrecked lives, ruined homes, poverty and ignorance of the families of his victims. He is our very worst criminal.

War will be abolished by establishing a system of equity between men and nations.

All nations must borrow money from this league. The present system of Finance and Commerce is radically wrong as is demonstrated by the recurrence of war between nations and disastrous strikes by the labor organizations.

It is wrong because of the great oppression and injustice in the affairs of men. It is wrong, because it has been possible under it for a few men to acquire so much wealth that they have been proven guilty of causing war in order that they might gain concessions, which meant millions to them.

### **WEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES.**

The total wealth of the United States is possible to record in figures, but is entirely beyond the possible grasp of the human mind. \$150,000,000,000.00!!!

### **One Hundred and Fifty Billions of Dollars!!!**

Would it not be a good economic policy if the U. S. Government would **AT ONCE** open a **NEW DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT** by creating **A FEDERAL PEACE DEPARTMENT**, then start this new system of **PEACE-ABLE WORLD GOVERNMENT** by setting aside the very small part of the above **ENORMOUS WEALTH** as would be represented by sufficient capital to start and operate this system?

Are we economists? If so, answer the above question.

The annual outlay of the U. S. Government for the upkeep of the **TAX AND**

DEATH DEPARTMENT, the army and navy, reaches the stupendous sum of over \$440,000,000.00!!! The total outlay by all nations is more than \$4,000,000,000.00.

This is the enormous cost, in money alone, not counting the loss of over 15,000,000 lives since 1700 A. D., for WRONG THINKING. If these governments would, each, ESTABLISH A PEACE DEPARTMENT and set aside for its operation, an equal amount, TO ONLY ONE YEAR'S OUTLAY for the senseless uneconomic upkeep of these STUPENDOUS ARMIES AND NAVIES, we will then be entitled to be classed among the future generations of the world, who will truly be called the CIVILIZED Christian generations.

## **A GOVERNMENT PEACE DEPARTMENT**

Should be created to replace the War Department, at no distant date.

If the U. S. Government would create a Federal Peace Department for the purposes of putting this Peace Movement into effect, then set aside one-half of the public lands in the possession of this government to this department; issue acreage bonds against each quarter-section on a basis of the value of the land at present prices, the government could raise enough money at short notice by the sale of these bonds to start this peace system. All of the public land in the United States which is subject to homestead settlement should be put into this department, or it might best be divided, so that a part in each state or section would go to the main Federal Company, and a



part for the state and county organizations. Then, sell bonds and loan money to help all legitimate business, which will buy peace stamps. This would readily give a capital of hundreds of millions, possibly billions of dollars, and would be so solid and safe that the world would know it was a conqueror.

The organization of this system then should be aggressively pushed in all nations through the financial backing of this Federal Peace Fund. This would place this nation the dominant power of all the world.

This will absolutely place the government in control of Finance, Insurance and Commerce. This plan, will, in many ways, far exceed letting these lands lay idle for generations, doing no good to anyone, as they are now doing. This makes these dormant lands the basis for a capitalization that will establish, not only Universal Peace, but Universal Prosperity, contentment and happiness. The government and states could issue Peace Department Bonds with which to finance this system. If it takes a special session of Congress and the Senate to make a law to provide for this plan, then, it is the greatest thing for which a special session was ever called.

### **PLAN FOR SELLING STOCK.**

The United States Steel Corporation, capitalized at One Billion Dollars!!! was organized in a few months by the firm of Morgan. It was a simple process of consolidation of large and small steel factories, rolling mills, mines and mineral lands, together with the

regular selling of stock to the public and employees; on a similar basis, these three giant corporations can be launched. The International Commercial Company should be capitalized at not less than One Hundred Million Dollars.

The Bank of Peace, if created by the bonding of federal lands, should be capitalized at \$1,000,000,000.00.

Politicians, in all parties, and financiers must lay aside selfishness, if we are to reach this great and grand goal for which man has longed and sought throughout the ages; they must accept the new for the old and inadequate system; it will be safer and more permanent in the end, so why not all be far-sighted and unselfish enough to see the light as is herein set out and declare for this new order of things, which will bring everlasting prosperity and Universal Peace in all nations.

**WE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN PEACE  
THROUGH THIS NEW EVOLUTION  
OF FINANCE AND GOVERN-  
MENT, OR CONTINUED RE-  
CURRENT OF WARS.**

Who will sound the bugle call TO THE BALLOTS? TO THE BALLOTS! for Universal Peace? The people now demand a Peace Department in all nations and states to protect life and property. We are weaklings to remain longer under governments that will permit war. We must march onward, out of the primitive forms of one man government,

with our lives and homes and property subject at any time to destruction from the fanatical decisions of a heartless, selfish King or Emperor, who has been born of military parents and educated in military schools and associated all his life with murderers, who study to kill and destroy, these are the army and navy captains, generals and admirals, A MONSTER BUNCH OF MURDERERS.

Big guns, forts and battleships have proven a failure; the other nations build as we build; it only increases taxes and revolutions; alliances and ententes have proven only another form of "toting a pistol." Big armies and monster navies have only served to unbalance the heads of murderous monarchs.

### **AND WE ARE NOT SAFE.**

We cannot expect to always be so fortunate as to have so noble a President as Woodrow Wilson, one of the very greatest of all our presidents. We are subject to the usurpation of power by a traitor, who might accidentally become president, as experienced too often in our unfortunate sister, Republic of Mexico. We must have commission form of government to secure perfect safety and peace.

**A WORLD PEACE CHAMPION WANTED** in all states and nations.

There are four American Statesmen who can, if united, stop war in all nations and for all time. These four men are: President Wilson, Secretary of State Wm. J. Bryan, Senator Robert M. La Follette, and Ex-President Roosevelt. If these men would be satisfied



and contented with the honors already conferred upon them as leaders of their respective political parties, and all four agree to bury politics forever, and throw all of their influence into the creation of a commission form of government, with a Peace Department controlled by the great common people, as is planned in this system, thereby establishing a **UNITY OF MAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT**, they can forever end war.

How could these men perform a greater benefit for the whole world than to do this very thing? It lies in these men to accomplish this great blessing for Humanity. Shall the world be disappointed yet for centuries and for thousands of years waiting, hoping, yet dying, and no peace? In no country on Earth is the political status just at such a point, with just such great men, all with such great good motives at heart, prompting them to do their best for humanity, as is the condition right now in America. The world expects great things of Americans. Great things are humanitarian deeds. These men are four of America's greatest Statesmen. Shall the world be disappointed in them? No. Shall selfishness dominate them now? No. Shall patriotism claim their whole efforts? Yes.

How can we expect that the warring rulers of Europe shall stop and listen to unselfish reason, if such great American Statesmen shall fail to lay down politics and selfishness forever and agree on this new plan for peace for all the world? If these four men would

acquiesce to the wailing appeals of every home, every father, every mother, every wife, every child, every religious and fraternal institution in all nations, they will at once meet in conference (the greatest ever held) at the White House in Washington, reach an agreement for the creation of World Peace through the establishing of this new form of government by the people, the control of finance and commerce and the end of wars through this New World Peace Party.

The power is conferred upon these four men to **COMPROMISE POLITICS**, which means to **COMPROMISE WAR FOR ALL NATIONS AND FOR ALL TIME**. This will be the greatest deeds of their lives, and the world would throughout all time proclaim these four men as the most unselfish, patriotic statesmen that ever lived. There will be needed three great men as Government Commissioners. These great Banks and Commercial and Insurance Corporations must have great men at their heads.

Why delay? Prompt action is imperative. Why not at once do the greatest thing that has ever been the blessed opportunity of four men to perform; call a conference, then urge an armistice in Europe and save a million men. By establishing this Government of Peace, they will do the greatest thing possible to be done for all nations for all time. The world has longed for this opportunity, and these are the men great enough to make this Evolution possible.

The wrong conception of Government was

very unfortunately taken in the beginning of government, and for this, the carnage of war has been the price which the common people have had to pay. All history proves conclusively that no political party, nor set of statesmen or rulers, in any nation, has been able to establish a **WAR FREE GOVERNMENT**. The great wrangle and discontent constantly recurring in all nations from the injustice caused by the financiers, trusts, monopolists, combinations in commerce has proven that the original and antiquated present system of finance and commerce were and are wrong. This, then, calls for the serious consideration by eminent statesmen and economists with the object of getting at the root of all evil, which is our money and trade systems, and knowing the cause of the error, then applying a real practical remedy, which is herein given to humanity.

Six thousand years of rule by Kings, Emperors and Financiers is sufficient; they have proven that they cannot rule. Now, the time has come when the great masses of humanity must rule. Politicians bury selfishness, bury politics forever, get out of the way of justice and say "Come on all Humanity; we will open the door of Justice; you shall now and forever rule."

The Press should urge these things of these four Statesmen at once. All people, all fraternal orders, all churches, all women's clubs, all labor unions should write these men at once and urge them to this conference for the creation of this World Peace System.



A Constitutional Amendment to suit this great change could be drafted and put to a vote at a special election at an early date. I believe that Woodrow Wilson is great enough to surrender the remainder of his term to the Commission Form of Government for the purpose of creating World Peace. We shall hope for all this.

A grand opportunity presents itself to a great champion of Universal Peace in each state and nation. This is the greatest, grandest, noblest cause open for great leaders to espouse with a vim, determination and conviction.

**THIS CAUSE WILL MEET WITH THE GREATEST FOLLOWING OF ANY THAT HAS BEEN ESPOUSED BY ANY OF THE WORLD'S LEADERS IN A THOUSAND YEARS.**

Why not a Federal Peace Department?

Our government is very vigilant in its fight against Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox, Tuberculosis, and other plagues which kill men. It is vigilant in its fight against diseases that destroy our live-stock. It is very active in protectng our farm products from the ravages of vermin and diseases peculiar to plant life.

The mystery of it is, why has not this great American Government and all other free republics a Peace Department? This department, if established to operate on the plans herein set out, will prove the greatest department of the nation, aside from the administration. It is the department of government economics. It is the department that will evolu-

tionize our tax system. This is the life-saving department, which will save more lives than all the health departments and life-saving stations, many times over.

We spend millions to check torrents of the great Mississippi and other rivers, yet we have neglected to make any safeguard against the greatest destroyer of both property and lives of them all, greater than all other destroying factors combined—this is war! The terror of mankind.

## **STATE PEACE DEPARTMENTS.**

All states should also take prompt action toward creating a Peace Department of state government on a similar plan to co-operate with the Federal.

Man is studying and searching for new and better inventions with which our affairs may be performed in a better, easier and more economical manner. We must accept new methods, the world demands it.

If this new system is promptly accepted by the bankers of the Nation, and their strong co-operation offered in operating this system, it will mean the greatest possible advantage to them, but if they resist it as has been the practice of capitalists in the past, it will mean the complete liquidation of the affairs of the American Banker and a panic and stagnation in values of bank stock will come on in a hurry.

This new invention has been made, it is what the world has been hunting for, and the people cannot be stopped—this system will

survive. Politicians in all parties must submit to this new system of things.

A new and powerful party will spring into existence in the United States and other nations, if the present administrations fail to do their duty promptly to humanity by creating a new department—The Department of Peace.

It is dangerous to all nations for any country to be ruled by Kings or Emperors—they have shown their weakness. There is a great weakness in too much power, because men are weak and cannot stand only a certain limit, as has been demonstrated by the Emperor of Germany losing his head over his great desire to rule all Europe and then all the World, as the Romans did. Being drunk with militarism, he has brought on the crime of all ages. The people will revolt when the breaking point is reached, and then right will out. Why don't these war dogs study human nature and read history more? All empires and kingdoms have reached their zenith, and must, very soon, give way to the rule of the people, by the people, and for the people through this new evolution of finance and commerce.

There will not be a Kingdom or Empire on the globe of any consequence by the year 1925. This new system will transform our present war departments from a burdensome, tax producing monster to the Federal Peace Department, which will produce more revenue than our government will need, as we will not have taxes for army and navy to pay. This is real evolution.

This system will turn forty million or more



soldiers and sailors free to become producers and home builders. This system will make our country and the world a continuous, prosperous field of commerce and industry.

The rich men and old men should be the idle men of the earth, and the young and strong should be permitted to do the business and labor which they are anxious, willing and able physically to do, if the means are furnished by which they can do business and labor. The rich and old should buy these bonds, and thereby enable the young and strong to escape the army of the unemployed, build homes and become producers of wealth in the nation.

## **EVOLUTION OF THOUGHTS OF WAR.**

War is the greatest cause of atheism. Men's way of thinking of war and the promoters and executors of it will be so evolutionized that they will talk and write of such financiers who profit by war; of Kings and Emperors who bring it upon humanity; of the executors of it, the captains, generals, colonels and admirals as a gang of heartless, bloodthirsty murderers and robbers, who do no good by living, but live to destroy and tear down that which both God and man have built, viz: Manhood and homes, murderers and robbers will be applied to such men hereafter; these noble words, "Glory and Honor," are very much out of place when utilized in writing the history of any such demons of earth.

The real brave are those who risk their lives to **SAVE A LIFE**, but not those, who

through passion or selfish motives risk their lives trying to take the lives of others. No more honor will be sung of war-dogs, but instead the greatest dishonor, which will crush the ambition for conquest, which is now imbued into men's way of thinking. Militarism should be defined as the mental war disease.

This evolution of men's thoughts will replace, instead, a nobler and grander ambition, which will be for the establishing of an ideal Utopian Government in every nation with the snow white flag of peace and prosperity floating on her ships of commerce, instead of red flags or war and desolation. Teach Perpetual Universal Peace, Prosperity, Happiness and all the noble achievements of life to the young men, instead of the tactics of savage, barbarous militarism. Disputes between nations should be settled by an international court of arbitration, the same as between individuals.

#### . THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.

This will be the inevitable outcome of the present 1914 European conflict.

They are all afraid to trust each other any more, which will cause the Republic of Europe to be organized and thereby prevent this constant recurrence of war. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," but much more so lies the heads of the millions of subjects of many hot-headed, bigotted, selfish, tyrannical rulers. None of the European nations, which will be parties to the final settlement following the terrible war now in progress, should ever consent to any other kind of settlement than that all Europe be made a great commission

governed republic. Each of the present rulers could be made one of the commissioners.

The ultimate outcome of this awful conflict, after a million of men shall have perished on the savage battlefield, and all the contesting nations reduced to ruin, desolation and bankruptcy, will be the United States of Europe.

This system of Evolution is, to the nations of the earth, a NEW "HAND-WRITING ON THE WALL." It means a transformation from the tried-and-tested-and-found-wanting present systems, to the new and perfect Utopian form of Government for all nations.

If a settlement of this embroglio should, by great misfortune, be reached whereby the present rulers shall continue to rule, it will only be postponing the just rights of the people, which is—a free republic. It will only mean that revolutions will occur in all nations until the people shall rule.

It is men's nature to revolt, when ruled by an oppressor. Does not history repeat this again and again? The government may drift along for many years by accidentally having a good ruler, but then there will be an heir to the throne, such as the present ruler of Germany, who will be so impregnated with the war spirit that he will plunge nations into similar wars of conquest, as has this bigotted, arrogant, monster murderer of Germany, who deserves not a word of praise in history, but instead, the strongest condemnation.

When the Kings and Emperors are gloating with arrogance and drunken with power



and militarism, forgetful of justice, begin heaping oppression upon the people, **THEN IS THE TIME OF DANGER!**

Men will revolt and die when the limit of oppression and injustice have been forced upon them.

May the God of men give us more of this spirit, tempered with Judgment, so that all men, as a unit, in all nations may at one solid and determined blow, strike the final blow of revolt through the ballot at the one-man-rule of Kings and Emperors. This can be done peaceably without bloodshed through the ballot, and this system of Evolution of finance, commerce and government by the people.

**DEMAND WITH YOUR BALLOT A PEACE DEPARTMENT IN ALL GOVERNMENTS** and states. Write your congressmen, Senator and President, urging this at once.

### **UNITY OF MAN.**

This new government by the people will bring about the unity of man. "Peace on earth and good-will to men."

### **IN COMMEMORATION.**

In due commemoration of this, the greatest and grandest achievement of man, Universal Peace, there should be constructed the most magnificent monument which the combined ingenuity of the world's most expert engineers can invent and design. Here is a suggestion for this great pile of marble, copper and steel.

This should not be alone a monument, but it should be, as well, a thing of surpassing beauty and utility. I would suggest that it in the main be made one story high for each nation, which will contribute one million dollars or more for the purpose of building and decorating this story, which would be occupied by and named for that nation.

The space occupied by this building should be very great, so that immense gatherings of people could be accommodated on each floor. There should be in the lower department an amphitheatre for great gatherings, which would eclipse in magnitude and architecture any of the ancient structures. This would be the Theatre of Nations.

There should be a great and grand court with promenade verandas, wide and long, in the middle of which the great tower will stand 2000 feet or more, and on the top the Great Peace Flag showing the colors of all nations united.

Many elevators.

Magnificent Restaurants.

Private apartments for the representatives of the nations.

Roof Gardens, the greatest observatory on earth.

There should be marble, steel and copper from every nation in each story, and wood in the furnishings from every nation. There should be a botanical park with every known species of timber, herb, flower and grass on earth. There should be one of the world's greatest zoological gardens in which will be

exhibited every known kind and variety of animal, bird and fish.

There should be represented here in all its grandest arrays and costumes every known species of the human race in The Theatre of Nations. The different kinds of the world's many modes of worship should be exhibited, permanently, together with exhibits of modes of life and living in the different nations.

God in his far-seeing wisdom created a place for all things and surely he has created a place where more forms of life will thrive than in other places; surely he has created a place which is, by nature endowed with more suitable environments, with an equable climate, a life-giving balmy air, that will add to these great achievements of man. He has such a place. This place is in the Great State of California, Los Angeles, which will be called the City of Peace, "The Home of the Angeles."

The great bank of Nations should be located on the ground floor of this Peace Palace, as should also the great Theatre of Nations.

## **DECORATIONS**

An endless chain of appropriate design, and made of pure gold with a link for every nation with the names of the nations engraved on the links, should be a part of the decoration of the interior.

Each nation should have a Hall of Fame for statues of their most famous men; but



those who gained fame solely through the process of war should not be represented.

Flowers of all nations of every known variety should be artistically arranged in the same beds and parks. The flowers should be planted in emblematic beds, some of which should read "Universal Peace;" others should represent a dove; others should represent all the colors in the great Universal Peace Flag; others the colors of the separate nations.

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## **THE COST OF KINGS**

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**Add to the Recognized Expense of Maintaining Useless Royalty, the Fearful Cost in Blood and Treasure of this Needless War**

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The war in horrifying progress in Europe is, in reality, that most dreadful of all wars—a civil war.

It is a war between states which should be living in peace and amity, in co-operative effort, in intellectual and material progress, and even in governmental accord, as “the United States of Europe.”

It is a war between a large proportion of the civilized nations of the world in which human progress will be halted and civilization itself threatened.

It is a war in which the proportion of civilized human beings on the planet will be greatly reduced, and the contribution to human progress of those innumerable units irretrievably lost.

It is a war in which the accumulated treasure of centuries are being destroyed treasures not merely of money, but of art and architecture which can never be replaced, and whose refining and elevating and civilizing influence will forever be ended in the world.

The disaster of this war, therefore, is not merely a local disaster. It is a worldwide disaster. It is a disaster to the civilization of which we Americans are a part. It is a destruction of the heritage of civilization of which we Americans are part possessor.

It means a diminution of the number and a weakening of the power in the world of the white nations, of the Occidental nations, of which we are one.

It means an assault upon the standards, the ideals, the conditions of life, which have been the contribution of those Occidental nations to the civilization of the world—which, indeed, have constituted the civilization of the modern world.

It means a corresponding strengthening of Oriental aims, ideals and ambitions. It tends to make possible an eventual triumph of ideals and conditions wholly foreign and offensive to our own.

ONE nation allied with Orientals is actually importing Orientals on to the scene of this conflict to show them how they may meet and possibly defeat Occidentals in modern warfare—a lesson which will be readily learned and ever remembered.

Another nation is as recklessly destroying priceless heirlooms of art and architecture to penalize a prostrate foe, without conflicting upon the whole civilized community of which its own people are a notable part.

No one nation is to be blamed more than another for these illimitable dangers and disasters, but all are to be condemned for



having invited and instituted so cruel and fearful a conflict. In the judgment of posterity surely all will be held responsible for the infinite injury of this war, recklessly and unreasonably inflicted upon humanity, and upon human progress.

But while the nations engaged in this internecine struggle will be and must be held responsible for the endless and needless disaster incurred, the people themselves of the several nations can hardly be held accountable.

The war is indeed convincing and distressing proof that the veneer of civilization lies but thinly upon all so-called civilized beings, that civilization herself sits but insecurely upon her throne, liable at any time to rude displacement by original savagery.

Yet the people themselves, under strictly modern forms of government, would probably never have become involved in this war.

The war is attributable to the survival in Europe of mediaeval institutions long outgrown by modern society; to the prosecution of imperial policies in the selfish interest of greedy hereditary dynasties.

It is a war of the Middle Ages, caused by those conditions of the Middle Ages, monarchic and aristocratic, which still persist in Europe, as long as they persist, will repress popular development and dominate popular sentiment.

THIS is a war of kings, brought on by the assassination of a King's nephew, who is of no more actual importance to modern

society than the nephew of any other individual, citizen or subject, in all Europe.

Born of mediaeval misconception of the importance of royalty, this war has speedily become a war of inherited mediaeval traditions of imperial greed and glory.

But the glory of war is fading fast. The people of the world are no longer children, who delight in destruction and exalt the destroyers.

In the histories of more enlightened ages, the rulers responsible for this war will not be described as heroes, but as homicidal maniacs, as traitors to the sacred trust solemnly imposed upon them to promote the happiness and protect the lives of their people. There is no glory in robbery, and war is but organized, authorized piracy and manslaughter.

No country points with pride to a citizen who shoots down another in the heat of hatred or in the passion of jealousy.

No country exalts as a hero a man who holds up another at the muzzle of a gun and takes his watch and pocketbook from him as "indemnity."

No country applauds and approves the man in the night and from mean motives of revenge destroys a tenement with a bomb, killing and maiming innocent women and children.

In modern society men such as these are regarded as criminals and punished for their crimes by imprisonment or execution.

A crime is not modified by its magnitude.

If a man who shoots another is a murderer, the rulers who cause the shooting of a million men are a million times more guilty murderers.

If a man who robs another of a few dollars by force of arms is a thief, the rulers who rob cities and nations of millions in money by force of arms are exactly that much greater thieves.

If the man who destroys a tenement and endangers the lives therein is a criminal, the rulers who wantonly destroy cities, the priceless treasures of cities and the lives of unoffending citizens, to satisfy a savage revenge, are a thousand times greater criminals.

If the small criminal is to be punished by imprisonment or execution, then surely the fitting place for the greater criminal is not a palace or a throne, but a prison cell or a scaffold.

Is this anarchy?

No, it is abstract justice, seldom seen, and therefore seldom recognized.

We all deplore anarchy. Then let us deplore the things which make for anarchy.

We all denounce the anarchist who kills a King. Then let us denounce the royal anarchists who in cold blood and in snug safety murder a million fellow men intrusted to their protecting care.

Time will be when society will include nations within its organization, when united navies will patrol the seas in the interest of peace and united armies will police the land.



Then any ruler who disturbs the peace will be arrested and jailed and any King "by the grace of God" who commits, inspires or instigates murder will be duly and properly hanged.

Heaven speed that happy day!

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

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## WHY WAR ?

. (By permission of Dr. Frank Crane)

Reduce this war business to its lowest term.

Sift it by common sense. And what is the gist of it?

Why, this: Nations go to war for the same reason boys fight — because they are childish, lack self-control, and have not yet grown up enough to know that disputes cannot be settled by brute force. They have not learned law.

Or for the same reason gunmen, or savages, or wild Westerners fight—because they are used to carrying deadly weapons.

Or for the same reason gentlemen used to duel — because they are vain, selfish and sensitive, and have diseased notions of "honor."

The war passions are vanity, egotism, love of display, love of violence, and race hatred. Each of these sentiments is low, vicious unreasoning and semi-civilized.

The war spirit is the combined barbarity

of the population. It is a million hates unified into a huge hate conflagration.

There is nothing grand about it but the brass bands and uniforms.

The reason it is inspiring is that only in war the people enjoy that exhilaration that comes from perfect organization and team play, which if they would manifest them in their daily business of creating values—a divine business—they would love quite as much as when they manifest them in the devil's business of destruction.

Another reason for war is that by inflaming "patriotism" the rulers cause the workers to forget their rights; old, moribund, monarchic ideas are given a new lease of life; absolutism seems still necessary, and the mind of the world is diverted from democracy and turned back to autocracy.

War is the favorite last resort of such men as the czar of Russia and the emperor of Germany and their entourage, because by war dangers and war needs socialism, liberalism, and all movements toward the abolition of privilege are repressed.

Any misunderstanding between Austria and Servia, or between any one country and another, could be easily arranged if the rulers would get together, talk it over, and decide the matter on principles of fair play and equity.

No two nations would go to war if the interests of the people were considered. They plunge into carnage simply because they con-

sider the interests of a class, the nobles, the army officers, or the ruling house.

War simply means the incapacity of the rulers. It is time those ruling classes who make war, and perpetually prepare for war, were set aside.

The people have nothing to gain and everything to lose by great armies and navies, whether maintained in the idleness of peace or in the destructiveness of hostilities.

(L. A. Express, Aug. 22, 1914.)

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(From the Los Angeles Evening Herald.)

## **SHALL NOT THOSE SUFFER BE ENTITLED TO SUFFRAGE?**

War should not make us forget all other things. Especially it should not cause us to forget the women whose patient suffering and care have brought to manhood the millions of men now engaged in fighting each other.

A man murdered in war means a material loss to the nation. To some woman it means infinitely more.

What have the men of Europe and of this country to say now to the women who ask that they be permitted to vote, that they be permitted to have some share in the making of laws and the selection of rulers that **DECIDE UPON WAR OR PEACE?**

How many times have men said to women, "How can you expect to vote when you cannot go to war and fight like men?"

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Well might the women say to the men, "You are right. We do not want to go to war.



But we suffer as you do not suffer when war comes.

“We suffer in our bodies when we bear the child, we suffer in our hearts when our sons are killed, and we suffer with humanity at the sight of the horrible crime against civilization called war.

“We do not go to war. But should we, therefore, have no right to say whether or not war shall come?

“You do not find us in the front line with a bayonet. No; but you find us with the dead and wounded.

“And you find our dead bodies with the Red Cross on our arms, where we have been shot down doing our duty.

“When you finish killing each other, will you not listen to us?

“Or will you again say, ‘You are our inferiors, because you do not fight—you must not vote because you cannot cut throats as we can’?”

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## PEACE REFERENCES IN THE BIBLE

There are 126 references in the Bible and New Testament to Peace:

Get your Bible and refer to these passages of scripture, then decide whether we are savages or civilz'd Christian nations.

Here they are:

Jeremiah 29:7; I Timothy 2:2; Leviticus 26:6; I Kings 2:33; 4:24; II Kings 20:19; Pro-

verbs 16:7; Jeremiah 14:13; Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:18; 14:19; II Timothy 2:22; I Peter 3:11; Acts 10:36; Romans 8:6; I Thessalonians 5:23; II Thessalonians 3:16; Revelation 1:4; Zechariah 9:10; Ephesians 3; Galations 5:22; Luke 2:14; Luke 19:30; II Kings 9:31; Isaiah 48:22; Romans 3:17; Jeremiah 12:12; Psalms 29:11; 125: 5; 128:6; 147:14; Galations 6:16; Ephesians 6:23; Hebrews 7:2; Isaiah 9:6; Genesis 28:21; Genesis 41:16; Nehemiah 6:26; 25:12; Deuteronomy 29:19; I Psalms 25:6; Luke 10:5; II Kings 9:19; Job 22:21; Psalms 4:8; 7:4; 34:14; 37:37; 72:3; 85:8; 122:6; Ecclesiastes 3:8; Isaiah 26:3; 32:17; 45:7; 48:18; 57:21; 52:7; Nahum 1:15; Isaiah 53:5; 59:8; Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11; 8:15; 14:19; Ezekiel 7:25; Daniel 4:1; 6:25; I Peter 1:2; II Peter 1:2; Judges 2; Matthew 10:13; 10:34; Luke 12:51; Mark 9:50; Luke 1:79; 10:42; 24:36; John 20:19; 14:27; 16:33; Romans 1:7; I Corinthians 1:3; II Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:3; Ephesians 1:2; Philemon 1:2; Romans 5:1; 10:15; Ephesians 6:15; Romans 14:17; 15:33; 16:20; II Corinthians 13:11; Philemon 4:9; Hebrews 13:20; I Corinthians 7:15; II Corinthians 13:11; Ephesians 2:14; 4:3; Philemon 4:7; Colossians 1:2; Thessalonians 1:1; II Thessalonians 1:2; I Timothy 1:2; II Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philemon 3; II John 3; Colossians 3:15; I Thessalonians 5:13; Hebrews 12:14; Joshua 2:16; 3:18; II Peter 3:14; Exodus 20:24; 24:5; Leviticus 3:6; 7:11; 19:5; Isaiah 32:18; I Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 12:11; Joshua 3:17; Genesis 37:4; Matthew 5:9.

(From the Kansas City Star)

## **HERE YOU HAVE THE A, B, C OF THE WAR**

What was the beginning of the present trouble in Europe?

The makings of trouble have existed for years in the rivalries of the Germanic people and the Slavs—particularly in the ambition of Austria to prevent the formation of a strong Slavic state in the Balkin peninsula, and to extend its own power there.

Did a similar threatening situation ever arise before?

Yes, almost exactly the same situation arose in 1909, but war was averted chiefly because Russia had not recovered from the war with Japan in 1905.

What were the circumstances of 1909?

After Russia had beaten Turkey in the '70s, two Servian provinces, Bosnia and Herzegovina, were taken from Turkey by the powers at the Congress of Berlin and handed over to Austria, not to own, but to administer. Servia hoped some day to form a union with them. In 1908 Austria unexpectedly announced the annexation of these two provinces. Servia protested and was supported by Russia, which disliked to see Austrian power increased. In March 1909, the kaiser abruptly notified the czar that if Russia fought Austria it would have Germany to fight. Russia had not sufficiently recovered from the Japanese campaign to risk a war, and so yielded. Under similar circumstances in 1914 Russia refused to yield and war followed.



What were the circumstances of 1914?

June 29 the Austrian crown prince and his wife were assassinated by Bosnian Serbs. The Vienna newspapers at once began to urge war with Serbia on the ground that the Servians were constantly plotting against Austria and stirring up trouble among the Slavic peoples in the Austrian empire. Servian defenders replied that the discontent among Austrian Slavs was due to harsh treatment by Austria.

How did the war actually begin?

Austria sent Serbia an ultimatum on July 23, in the harshest language, demanding an inquiry by Austrian commissions in Serbia into Servian plots against Austria, and the punishment of offenders. The language used made it impossible to doubt that Austria meant war.

What did Serbia reply?

It replied July 25 that it would undertake the fullest investigation and promised punishment of all offenders. But it refused to permit Austria to send officials into Serbia to investigate.

What happened then?

Austria replied that the Servian note was "dishonest" and that war would be waged on Serbia.

What did the other powers do?

July 28 the Russian government issued a note to the powers that it would not permit Serbia to be invaded without remonstrance. Russian mobilization was ordered the same day. (The Russian position toward the Balkan Slavic states is something like that of the United States toward Latin America under the

Monroe Doctrine; this government would not permit Mexico to be invaded by a European power.) Italy, a member of the triple alliance of Germany, Austria and Italy, declared that it had known nothing of Austrian intentions. The German foreign office admitted it had known the "scope" of the Austrian ultimatum, but had not approved the violent language. England at once began working strenuously for peace.

What peace efforts did England make?

It proposed to Germany, France and Italy that they unite with England in calling a European conference at London to settle the differences between Austria and Russia.

What were the replies?

Italy and France approved. Austria announced that it would not cease its war movements pending any conference, and Germany announced that as the conference was distasteful to its ally, Austria, it would not take part. That ended the conference plan.

What further efforts for peace were made?

On July 30 the kaiser asked the czar to cease mobilizing pending plans for mediation. The next day the czar replied, thanking the kaiser "from my heart for thy mediation, which leaves a gleam of hope." He promised that the troops should not be used pending negotiations, but in view of Austrian mobilization he could not discontinue Russian military preparations. The kaiser wired back that the only hope for peace was for Russia to "discontinue her military measures which threaten Germany and Austria." On August 1 the German



government asked Austria to “continue to exchange views with St. Petersburg.” But the same day Germany declared war against Russia.

How did France get in?

France is the ally of Russia, and Germany, expecting trouble in that quarter, began mobilizing on the French frontier. On August 1 France announced that the German mobilization would compel French mobilization. Germany at once demanded that France declare its intentions, and France replied that it must “consult its own interests.” The next day Germany moved troops into the neutral countries of Luxemburg and Belgium, and scouting parties were reported across the French border. The next day Germany declared war on France.

What about Belgium?

Belgium has twice been declared neutral territory by a concert of European powers, including Prussia. Its neutrality was not violated in the Franco-Prussian war. When the German troops moved across Belgium against France at the beginning of August, Belgium protested and began to fight. So August 4 Germany declared war on Belgium.

What was the interest of England?

England has had a friendly understanding—known under the French name of “entente,” pronounced “antaant”—with Russia and France for several years. This was not a formal alliance, but merely bound the governments in an emergency to consult each other. It did not bring England into the present war.



The immediate reason given was the violation of Belgium neutrality by Germany. But the real reason was deeper.

What was the real reason of England's fighting Germany?

The commercial rivalry of the two nations, particularly in colonial possessions, was a contributing factor. But the immediate reason was England's feeling that the crushing of France by Germany would lead to an extension of the German coast line on the North Sea, and the presence just across the channel of a great and hostile military power, which would menace England's security. So August 4 England declared war on Germany and at about the same time the German government handed the British ambassador at Berlin his passports.

What is the position of Italy?

Italy is bound by its alliance with Germany and Austria to help those powers in a defensive war. Italy takes the ground that this is an offensive war by them, and therefore is seeking to remain neutral. But Italian interests clash with Austria's in the Balkan peninsula, and so Italian sympathy is with France, Russia and England.

# HERE IS THE STRENGTH OF THE NATIONS AT WAR

## Armies

Germany .....	5,200,000	France .....	4,000,000
Austria .....	2,000,000	Russia .....	5,500,000
		England .....	*730,000
Total men.....	7,200,000	Belgium .....	222,000
		Servia .....	300,000
		Montenegro .....	150,000
		Total men.....	10,902,000

\*May be greatly increased by  
volunteers and colonial forces.

## Navies

	Dreadnaughts and Cruiser Battleships	First-class Cruisers	Smaller Craft	Personnel
Germany .....	26	9	290	176,783
Austria .....	4	3	107	17,500
Totals.....	30	12	397	194,233
France .....	17	18	384	60,621
Russia .....	13	6	201	52,463
England .....	39	42	488	163,700
Totals.....	69	66	1,073	276,784

## Aviation Forces

	Pilots	Aeroplanes	Dirigibles	Dirigible Pilots
Germany .....	335	500	40	931
Austria .....	84	222	10	110
France .....	966	550	30	287
England .....	376	250	7	43
Belgium .....	58	150	3	2
Russia .....	162	315	15	5
Totals.....	1,562	1,265	55	332

## Approximate Population and Wealth of Leading Nations at War

Germany .....	65,000,000	\$60,500,000,000
Austria .....	51,500,000	25,000,000,000
Total.....	116,500,000	\$85,500,000,000
Great Britain .....	45,500,000	\$80,000,000,000
France .....	40,000,000	65,000,000,000
Russia .....	171,000,000	40,000,000,000
Belgium .....	7,500,000	9,000,000,000
Total.....	264,000,000	\$194,000,000,000

# THE WORLD'S ANNUAL ARMAMENT BILL

## Great Britain and the Continent of Europe

Country	Fiscal Year	Expended for Army	Expended for Navy	Total Military Charge
Austria-Hungary.....	1911	\$ 73,513,000	\$ 13,731,000	\$ 87,244,000
Belgium .....	1911	11,987,000	.....	11,967,000
Bulgaria .....	1911	7,928,000	.....	7,928,000
Denmark .....	1911-12	6,053,000	3,044,000	9,097,000
France .....	1911	*187,632,000	83,286,000	270,918,000
Germany .....	1911-12	203,938,000	114,508,000	318,446,000
Great Britain .....	1910-11	138,800,000	203,020,000	341,820,000
Greece .....	1911	4,262,000	1,703,000	5,965,000
Italy .....	1911-12	†81,033,000	39,643,000	120,676,000
Montenegro .....	1911	38,000	.....	38,000
Netherlands .....	1912	12,120,000	8,146,000	20,266,000
Norway .....	1910-11	3,798,000	1,460,000	5,258,000
Portugal .....	1910-11	8,592,999	3,997,000	12,589,000
Romania .....	1911-12	13,856,000	.....	13,856,000
Russia .....	1911	265,642,000	54,128,000	319,770,000
Servia .....	1911	5,402,000	.....	5,402,000
Spain .....	1911	37,671,000	13,696,000	51,367,000
Sweden .....	1912	15,314,000	7,251,000	22,565,000
Turkey .....	1911-12	42,071,000	6,223,000	48,294,000
Total (Great Britain and the Continent.....)		\$1,128,435,000	\$553,836,000	\$1,682,271,000
United States.....	1910-11	\$162,357,000	\$120,729,000	\$283,086,000
Japan .....	1911-12	49,196,000	43,405,000	92,601,000
British India .....	1910-11	100,099,000	.....	100,099,000

## Mexico and South America

Argentina .....	1911	\$10,583,000	\$8,236,000	\$18,819,000
Brazil .....	1911	24,520,000	20,431,000	44,951,000
Chili .....	1910	9,852,000	7,653,000	17,505,000
Colombia .....	1911	.....	.....	1,900,000
Ecuador .....	1909	.....	.....	1,500,000
Mexico .....	1911-12	.....	.....	10,700,000
Peru .....	1910	.....	.....	5,400,000
Uruguay .....	1910	.....	.....	3,000,000
Venezuela .....	1910-11	.....	.....	1,500,000
Army and Navy not differentiated				

Total (Mexico and South America .....

\$105,275,000

WORLD TOTAL.....\$2,263,332,000











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